

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-73 (Cancelled).

1 ~~74~~ (Currently amended). ~~[[The]]~~ An isolated polypeptide ~~of claim 67, which consists~~ consisting of amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5.

2 ~~75~~ (Previously Presented). A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition comprising the polypeptide of claim ~~74~~.

3 ~~76~~ (Previously Presented). An isolated DNA molecule encoding the polypeptide of claim ~~74~~.

4 ~~77~~ (Previously Presented). The isolated DNA molecule of claim ~~76~~ consisting of nucleotides 459 to 602 of SEQ ID NO:1.

5 ~~78~~ (Previously Presented). An expression vector comprising the DNA molecule of claim 76.

6 ~~79~~ (Previously presented). An isolated host cell transformed with the DNA molecule of claim ~~76~~.

7 ~~80~~ (Previously Presented). A method for preparing a polypeptide, comprising:

culturing the host cell of claim ~~79~~ to express a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5; and

recovering the expressed polypeptide.

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~~81~~ (Previously Presented). A method for treating
arthritis, comprising administering to an individual in need
thereof the polypeptide of claim ~~74~~¹.

82 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 81,
wherein the arthritis treated is rheumatoid arthritis.

83 (Cancelled)

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